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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

RE: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Trahan Zone, Reservoir A Outside Island Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana File No. 106974-00

Gentlemen:

McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC ("Applicant"), through undersigned counsel, hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Trahan Zone, Reservoir A, Outside Island Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To further define the Trahan Zone, Reservoir A, Outside Island Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana., INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR AS that unit designated TRAHAN RA SU A is concerned, as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 13,890' and 15,664' (ELM) in the McMoRan Oil & Gas-Jason Guidry 28 No. 1 Well, situated in Section 28, Township 13 South, Range 1 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.
- 2. Except as may be in conflict with the provisions hereof, the provisions of said Office of Conservation Order No. 180-B shall remain in full force and effect.
- 3. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Jones Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre, L.L.P., 8555 United Plaza Boulevard, Suite 500, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call the undersigned at (225) 248-2078 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

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By letter of July 31, 2006, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these matters. There have been no requests received for a conference.

Attached hereto is a plat outlining Applicant's proposed plan, designated as TRAHAN RA SU A, which plat was attached to Applicant's pre-application notice.

Also attached hereto is a list of names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application, with plat attached, is being sent, pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of Lafayette, Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Outside Island Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check in the amount of \$755.00 payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Warren A. Fleet

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WAF/rb Enclosure

cc: Richard D. Hudson, District Manager Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties (w/encl.)

